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KICKAPOO INDIANS.

L E T T E R

FROM

THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR,

TRANSMITTING

An estimate of appropriations to pay certain members of the Kickapoo tribe of Indians.

JANUARY 27, 1875.—Referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Washington, D. C., January 23, 1875.

SIR: I have the honor to inclose herewith, for the favorable action of Congress, copy of a communication from the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, dated 21st instant, inclosing an estimate of appropriation required to pay certain members of the Kickapoo tribe of Indians, who have elected to become citizens of the United States, their proportion of the tribal funds.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

C. DELANO,
Secretary.

Hon. JAMES G. BLAINE,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,
Washington, D. C., January 21, 1875.

SIR: By the act making appropriations for the Indian service for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1873, (Stat., 17, p. 174,) the Secretary of the Interior is directed to ascertain the proportionate amount of funds, and the cash value thereof, to which any members of the Kickapoo tribe of Indians may be entitled, by reason of having become citizens of the United States under the provisions of the third article of the treaty with said Indians, of June 28, 1862, (Stat., 13, p. 624,) and by converting so much of the securities of the tribe as may be necessary for this purpose, pay the same to each person so entitled, under such rules as he may prescribe; provided that no part of said money due or belonging to minor children be paid to them, or to any person for them, until said children shall have attained the age of twenty-one years.

Referring to the above, I have now the honor to report that seven Kickapoo Indians, all male adults, having complied with the requirements of said article of the treaty, with a view to their citizenship with the United States, have had their several allotments of land conveyed to them by patents in fee-simple, and are now entitled to their proportion of the cash value of the credits of the tribe, principal and interest.

The credits referred to are as follows:

One hundred thousand dollars appropriated under the provisions of the second article of the treaty of May 18, 1854, (Stat., 10, p. 1079,) on which 5 per cent, interest is annually paid to the tribe for educational and other beneficial purposes.

One thousand five hundred and eighty-three dollars and forty-six cents, being the balance of interest on the principal of \$100,000, as above, appropriated for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1873, and now on the books of this Office.

One hundred and thirty-seven thousand four hundred dollars, being the amount invested in United States registered 5 per cent. bonds, as proceeds from sales of lands under the provisions of the fifth article of the treaty of June 28, 1862. (Stat., 13, p. 625.)

The proportionate share of the above funds to which the seven persons who have elected to become citizens are entitled, the basis of calculation being two hundred and ninety-six, the original number of the tribe, is as follows:

Of \$100,000, $\frac{7}{296}$ is equal to.....	\$2, 364 86
Of \$1,583.46, $\frac{7}{296}$ is equal to.....	37 45
Of \$137,400, $\frac{7}{296}$ is equal to.....	3, 249 32

Making a total of..... 5, 651 63
to which said seven persons are entitled.

Of the amount due said persons, the sum of \$2,364.86, being their share of the \$100,000 set apart for educational and other beneficial purposes, will have to be appropriated, and the authority of Congress obtained to sell the proportion of said persons of the \$137,400 in United States stocks, and I therefore herewith submit an estimate of appropriation for the sum named, and respectfully recommend that the same be transmitted to Congress for its action.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

EDWD. P. SMITH,
Commissioner.

Hon. SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR.

Estimate of appropriation required to pay certain members of the Kickapoo tribe of Indians who have elected to become citizens of the United States their proportion of the tribal fund.

For this amount, to enable the President of the United States to carry out the provisions of the third article of the treaty with the Kickapoo Indians, of June 28, 1862, to be paid under such rules as the Secretary of the Interior may prescribe, to seven Kickapoo Indians who have become citizens of the United States, the same being their proportion of the sum of \$100,000 provided for said tribe for educational and other beneficial purposes, per treaty of May 18, 1854..... \$2, 364 86

And the Secretary of the Interior is hereby authorized to sell for their benefit United States stocks amounting to \$3,249.32, being the proportion of said persons of \$137,400, held in trust for the Kickapoo tribe of Indians, the proceeds thereof to be paid to the seven persons who have elected to become citizens of the United States, as above.